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CLERK: Madam President, Senator...the Revenue Committee would offer (AM)2828. (Amendment is printed separately and referred to on page 426 of the Legislative Journal.)

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Chair recognizes Senator Wickersham to open on the Revenue Committee amendment.

SENATOR WICKERSHAM: Thank you, Madam President. And I appreciate the questions that Senator Beutler was asking both about the substantive issues that are in the amendment to the committee amendments and to the process that we're employing this morning. I think those were good and appropriate questions. The amendment, in addition, the amendment to the amendment, in addition to the two items mentioned in the brief discussion with Senator Beutler, does address a number of issues that are either in the kind of cleanup issues, if you will, related to 1114, and the past efforts of the Revenue Committee and the Legislature to provide mechanisms and processes to use as we reduce our reliance on property taxes. I will tell you, as I explained to Senator Beutler, that not everything in here is quite as time sensitive as other provisions, but some provisions are quite time sensitive. If we can divide the discussion of the amendment into kind of functions or themes, that might be more useful to you. We have distributed a section-by-section summary of the amendment, and I hope, as we're having a little bit of discussion this morning, you're able to go through that section-by-section. And if you have specific questions, we'll be happy to try to respond to them. I would suggest to you that the amendment can be divided into the following kinds of categories--we have provisions that deal with time lines, we have provisions that concern elections to override the levy limitations, we have provisions that concern the allocation of levies, we have provisions that concern the taxation of motor vehicles, we have one provision that concerns the ..the calculation of receipts for purposes of school aid, we have provisions that concern the delinquency rates or the delinquency dates for personal property, and then we have a couple of what I can only characterize as miscellaneous provisions. The time line provisions are important. You'll see those are set out separately on the summary that's on your desk. I hope that you're able to evaluate those. What we're